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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE RELATIONS WITH CHINA

REF: MANILA 6758

1. WE DOUBT VERY MUCH THAT GRC WOULD TAKE ANY INITIATIVE AFFECTING ITS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS PRIOR TO AN ANNOUNCEMENT OR MOVE BY THE GOP WHICH MADE PHILIPPINE INTENTIONS IRREVERSIBLE. IN ALMOST EVERY CASE OF RUPTURE IN RECENT YEARS, THE GROC HAS WAITED FOR THE OTHER PARTY TO TAKE THE FIRST STEP BEFORE SUSPENING RELATIONS.

2. OUR ANSWER, THEREFORE, IF WE UNDERSTAND YOUR QUESTION (PARA 4 REFTEL) CORRECTLY, IS THAT WE ESTIMATE THAT GRC DOES NOT RPT NOT INCLUDE AMONG ITS OPTIONS TAKING ANY STEPS IN ADVANCE OF A GOP MOVE TO BREAK RELATIONS. GRC AMBASSADOR LIU CHIEH MAY HAVE MISTAKENLY THOUGHT THAT HIS MENTION OF RECOMMENDING A STIFF COURSE OF ACTION TO TAIPEI (PARA 3 REFTEL) WOULD HAVE SOME SHOCK VALUE IF PASSED TO THE GOP; BUT IF HE HAS SO RECOMMENDED WE HAVE YET TO HEAR ANY ECHO OF IT HERE.
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